

3. (amended) The denitrifying composition as described in claim 1 wherein particles of calcium carbonate and particles of a microporous substance are dispersed in sulfur.

4. (amended) The denitrifying composition as described in any one of claims 1 to 3 wherein the ratio by weight of sulfur to calcium carbonate is 1:0.3 to 1:3.

5. (amended) The denitrifying composition as described in claim 3 comprising 10 parts by weight of sulfur, 10-15 parts by weight of calcium carbonate, and 1-3 parts by weight of a microporous substance.

6. (twice amended) The denitrifying composition as described in claim 1 wherein said sulfur is amorphous sulfur.

7. (amended) The denitrifying composition as described in claim 1 wherein the shape of said composition is granular, massive, or molded.

8. (twice amended) A denitrifying material comprising a mixture of the denitrifying composition as described in claim 1 and mineral fibers.

9. (amended) The denitrifying material as described in claim 8
wherein said mineral fibers are rock wool.

*Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the
application by this Preliminary Amendment.*